

ness should you think proper to remove Hall, no matter how c. s. c.  
soon you send Mullikin's commission.

I am Gentlemen your most obed<sup>t</sup> Hm<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Council of Rob<sup>t</sup> Tyler.  
Safety of Maryland. This

[Stephen Steward to Council.]

Gentellmen.

West River January the 27<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Capt. Mathews com to me from you for cordige and canviss I have not so much of either as will compleat the galley thats finished I have finished this Galley with fifteen or sixteen hundred wait of my one English cordig such I am shore I cant git in this State to replace, I have taken every step to git meatearls for the seven Galleys and the nine armed vessels and have ben continuly disapointed you no I delivered you a bill of parsels of every think at first, but as every one that you employed to build the galley have built them on difrent construction from what was first proposed (it is emposible for to no what matearls is sutebell for any of them) but the two I have built my self which are built agreeable to the Draft I drew and laid befor the Convention, which the convention aproved of and desired me to give the other builders copys of which I did I sopose the other builders have consilted you before thay built on a difrent plan. Intend to Baltemore this week to try if I can persuade Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lux and Bowley to make me another cable. If I had a cable that I culd ventu<sup>d</sup> this Gally in the Bay with I would sent her to now long ago. I think Capt. Mathews will till you she is compleat for the use she was intended for which is directly to the plan I laid befor the Convention. I shall call on you as I go up for your comands and shall strickly observe them as far as in my power. I have riged and fited out fore vesels for you compleat which has taken a grat dele of cordige, & canviss, ship chandley &c.

I am Gentellmen y<sup>r</sup> most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
To the Honrobell Counsell Stephen Steward  
of Saftey

[Christopher Lowndes to Jenifer.]

Sir.

Bladensburg Jan<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Since my last to you, I have received a letter from the back parts relating to hemp, it is dated the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. and runs as under. There is no hemp in this neighborhood ready for market, what was made last summer now lyes under the snow, and if it was up the farmers tell me, they should not be able to